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1. STORY OF ANTI-RHODESIAN SPY TRAINING CONDUCTED BY CUBANS IN MONTREAL HAS RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE IN REGIONAL MEDIA. MOST INFORMATIVE ARTICLE, DATELINED SALISBURY, APPEARED IN JAN 10 JOHANNESBURG RAND DAILY MAIL. STORY SAYS THAT AN AMERICAN MERCENARY, MR. DAVID BUFKIN, (REPATRIATED DEC. 22 BY GABORONE PER REFTTEL) CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN TRAINED AS A SPY BY A MAN NAMED RODRIGUES AT CUBAN CONSULATE IN MONTREAL. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, BUFKIN STATES HE WAS RECRUITED IN MEXICO BY CUBANS AND USED BY CIA TO GAIN INFO ABOUT CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN MONTREAL. BUFKIN APPARENTLY LEFT RHODESIA FOR BOTSWANA WITHOUT PAYING HIS HOTEL BILL WHICH WAS LATER PAID BY A MAN IDENTIFIED BY NEWSPAPERS AS PLAIN-CLOTHES RHODESIAN POLICEMAN.

2. BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS RADIO BOTSWANA, BULAWAYO (RHODESIA) CHRONICLE AND JOHANNESBURG STAR FEATURES SIMILAR STORIES AND ALATER ONES REPORTING EXPULSION OF 5 CUBANS FROM CANADA.

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